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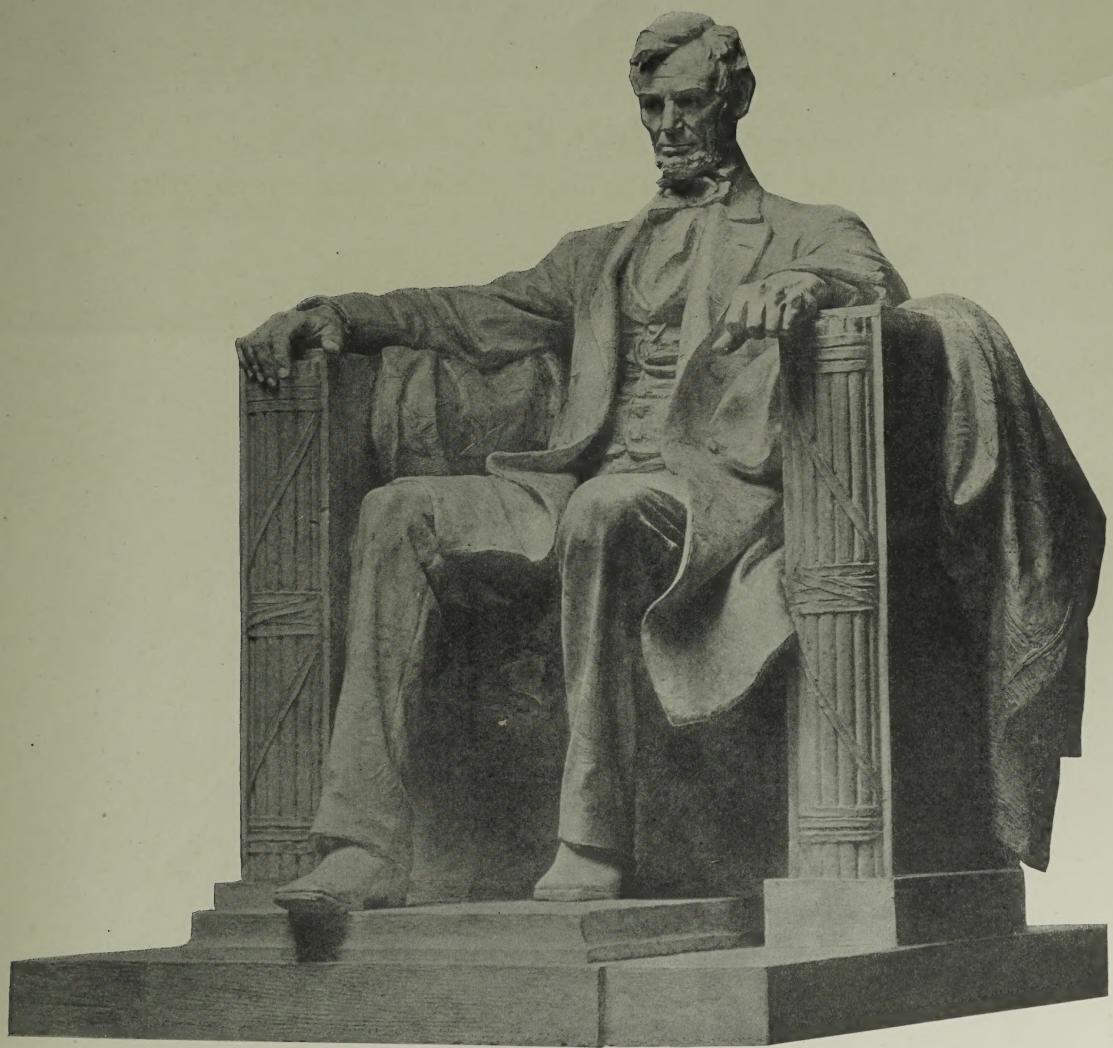
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THE WAY FOR A MAN  
TO RISE IS TO IMPROVE  
HIMSELF EVERY WAY HE  
CAN, NEVER SUSPECTING  
THAT ANYBODY WISHES  
TO HINDER HIM.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



FEBRUARY 12, 1809 — APRIL 15, 1865

**T**HE Lincoln Memorial in the capital city of the United States is the gift of the Nation to the memory of the most beloved American who has ever lived and died—Abraham Lincoln.

Constructed of white Colorado marble in the form of a Grecian temple, this imposing structure is unquestionably the masterpiece of all public buildings in the United States and one of the finest memorials in the world.

It has a beautiful setting on the banks of the Potomac, on a direct east and west line with the Washington monument and the Capitol. The whole structure in all its architectural splendor is reflected in the water of the lagoon which it faces.

On the outside of the building are thirty-six magnificent columns, one for each of the thirty-six states existing at the time of Lincoln's death, while above the colonnade are forty-eight festooned blocks of marble, one for each State existing at the present time.

Within the memorial is a statue of Lincoln of colossal size, portraying the great American seated and in thoughtful mood. Wonderful in its stillness and majesty, this statue, which is the work of Daniel Chester French, an American sculptor, predominates all else.

On the left wall, Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg speech is deeply carved in massive blocks of stone, and on the opposite wall, in similar letters, is his second Inaugural Address.

Above these are two large mural paintings, one typifying "Emancipation," the other "Reunion."

The construction of the building within and without took six years of time, six years of the patient labor of American architects, masons, artists, laborers and others.

Firm as the rock foundation on which it stands, the Lincoln Memorial for endless generations will be a place of pilgrimage for the American people—a shrine before which countless millions will bow their heads in memory of the great character that increasingly lives in the hearts of all Americans.